

## House Resolution No. 4679

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn, treasured residents of Smithville, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on July 29, 2007; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on July 29, 1953, Charles D. Hitchborn and Joan M. Hunter began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Bentonville, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, Charles and Joan Hitchborn have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Hitchborn enjoyed a successful career in the United States Marine Corps for twenty-three years and Ford Motor Company for twenty-three years while somehow finding the time and energy to serve as Mayor of Smithville, member of the Smithville City Council, Boy Scout Leader, Paul Harris Fellow, and president of the Clay County Coordinating Committee and Rotary; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker whose hobbies include church work, genealogy, gardening, and loving her grandchildren, Mrs. Hitchborn enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a secretary at Midway Ford for twelve years; and

**Whereas**, Charles and Joan Hitchborn attribute their fifty-five years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two children, Scott Hitchborn and Sherri Hitchborn; and their five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Charles and Joan Hitchborn upon the glorious celebration of their Fifty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hitchborn.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Doug Ervin

District No. 35

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4679, adopted September 10, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker